

## REMARKS

### *Summary*

In response to the objections to the title, Figure 11, the Abstract, Claims 7, 11, 15, 19, and 20, and pages 25-27 of the specification, these portions of the application have been amended to address the objections. Therefore, the application is now in allowable form.

### *Status of the claims*

Claims 1-13 and 15-20 are pending, with Claims 1 and 15 being independent. Claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1-13 and 15-20 have been amended for reasons unrelated to patentability to improve their form and to correct typographical and minor errors therein. In addition, Claims 7, 11, 15, 19, and 20 have been amended to overcome formal objections thereto.

### *Requested action*

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

### *Allowable subject matter*

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 1-20 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if minor informalities in Claims 7, 11, 15, 19, and 20 are eliminated. Since these claims have been amended to address the points raised by the Examiner, as will be discussed below, all of the claims are now in allowable form.

*Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance*

The Statement of Reasons for Allowance states, in part, that “Claims 1-20 are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art fails to show a second projected portion on a cartridge’s frame that engages with a second positioning portion provided in the main assembly of the image forming apparatus when the developing cartridge is mounted to the main assembly to regulate rotation of the cartridge about the first positioning portion. The second projected portion is urged in a direction of contacting to the second positioning portion when the developing cartridge is set in the main assembly.”

But independent Claims 1 and 15 have been amended so that they no longer recite “a second projected portion on a cartridge’s frame that engages with a second positioning portion provided in the main assembly of the image forming apparatus when the developing cartridge is mounted to the main assembly to regulate rotation of the cartridge about the first positioning portion, the second projected portion being urged in a direction of contacting to the second positioning portion when the developing cartridge is set in the main assembly. “

Rather, these claims now recite a second projected portion, projected from a frame and configured and positioned to engage a second positioning portion provided in the main assembly of the apparatus when the developing cartridge is set in the main assembly of the apparatus to regulate rotation of the developing cartridge about the first positioning portion, wherein the cartridge guide member is urged to urge the second projected portion in a direction to contact the second projected portion to the second positioning portion.

Nevertheless, these claims are allowable for the unique combination of features recited therein.

### *Drawing objection*

The Examiner objects to Figure 11 because “308b” should be --380b--. In response, while not conceding the propriety of the objection, Figure 11 has been so amended and a corrected formal drawing of Figure 11 is enclosed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

### *Specification objections*

The title, the Abstract, and pages 25-27 are objected to for minor informalities therein. In response, while not conceding the propriety of the objections, the title, the Abstract, and pages 25-27 have been amended to address the points raised by the Examiner. As a result, Applicants respectfully request that these objections now be withdrawn.

### *Additional specification amendments*

The specification has also been amended for reasons unrelated to patentability to improve its form and to correct minor and typographical errors therein without introducing new matter.

### *Claim objections*

Claims 7-12 and 15-20 are objected to for minor informalities in Claims 7, 11, 15, 19, and 20. In response, while not conceding the propriety of the objections, these claims have been amended to address the points raised by the Examiner. As a result, Applicants respectfully request that these objections now be withdrawn.

### *Additional claim amendments*

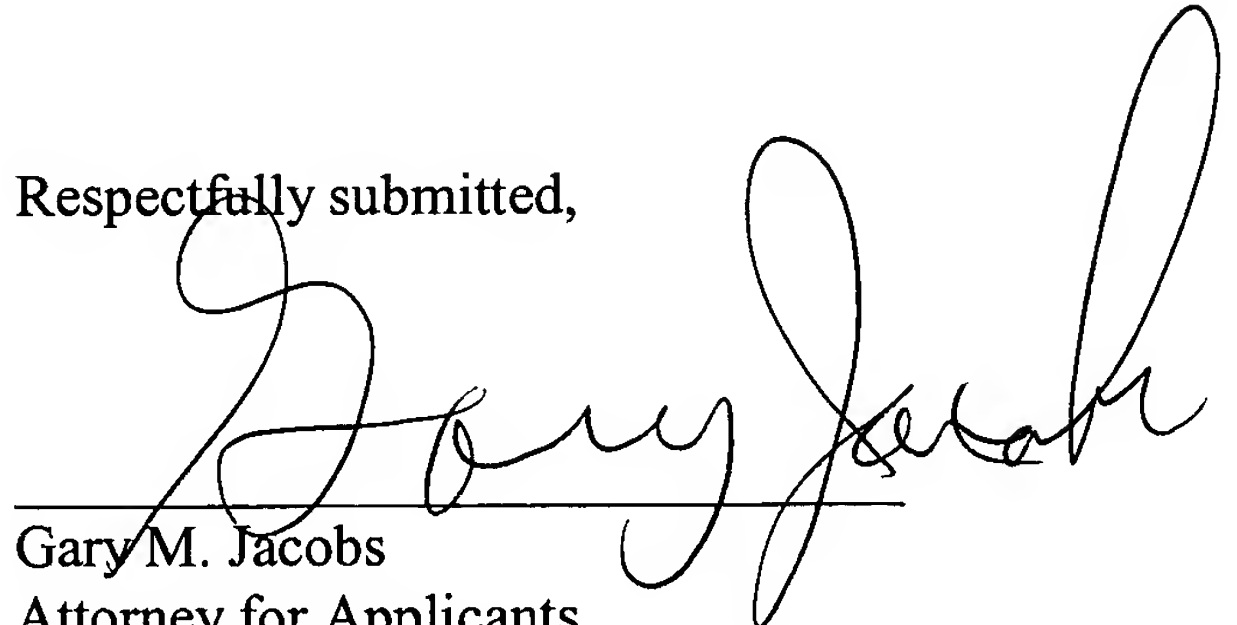
Claims 1-13 and 15-20 have also been amended for reasons unrelated to patentability to improve their form and to correct minor and typographical errors therein.

### *Conclusion*

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the application is now in allowable form. Therefore, early passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings as follows as discussed below and as shown on the attached corrected formal drawing.

In Figure 11:

Change “308b” to --380b--.